

MEMPHIS APPEAL

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 30, 1874.

The Personal Reminiscences of Robert E. Lee, edited by Rev. Mr. Jones, is a book that should find its way into every southern household, full as it is, of all that hitherto unknown to the public, could throw additional light upon the character of the hero of the civil war. It is published by subscription, and, offered at this time, ought to be, at least—over any of the handsome works which are offered as peculiarly appropriate to the holidays. We have read it with some care, and cheerfully add our praises to those already given by other journals, as well as by the intimate friends of the great soldier. Mr. Jones has complied with much care to the testimony of his contemporaries as to the uniformity of habit and character which distinguished Lee, so that we have by consecutive gradations the formulating process by which his figure was built into the history of his country as a firmly and immovably as that of Washington, whom all things considered, we think he surpassed. We catch glimpses of the young man and see the soldier at his work in the early part of his career; always in earnest, always in test upon his duty; not clamorous for, or contentions of, honors; but patiently laboring, and hiding his time. We learn, also, that he was a cheerful, as well as a willing worker, and that, as was exemplified by him until the close of his career, he went to the performance of whatever was committed to him with alacrity, and with determination to do his best. Building in such a spirit, he could not fail to build well; to lay a superstructure enduring as solid, and so erect himself a shining light in history; great by reason of his qualities as a general, as a man, as a Christian—uniting in an eminent and exceptional degree the highest and noblest qualities of our race. Of that part of his career during which he won immortal honors, there is necessary a great deal in this book, but it is fresh and new, and in the shape of letters from himself, letters written to persons of all degrees of life and all shades of political and religious bias. These, we think, are grouped together with surprising tact, and cannot fail to challenge the intimate attention of the reader as it did ours. The pages they fill are among the best in the book, because they are the utterances—some of them the communications—of the man, and therefore bring us more intimately in contact with him. They vary in the spirit of the illustrious gentleman, and almost realize for us his presence as we read them. At the close we have the testimony of his soldiers, of a few competent European military critics, of leading European as well as American journals, and, above all, of Mr. Jefferson Davis, his closest friend at West Point, his friend through all his life, and his co-laborer in the cause of southern independence. Recurring to its pages, we cannot but feel that anything but a grateful and reverent remembrance of the man who has done his work well, and deserves therefore the plaudits of his countrymen. He has shown as the man in all the phases of his career, in sunshine and shadow, in peace and war; has heaped up to repletion proofs of his greatness under all circumstances, and left no doubt that he is entitled to the place he holds in the hearts of the people of the South, and to that which has been assigned him by the common consent of the civilized world. An example to all men, he is as in an especial sense to those of the South—an example of earnestness of purpose, devotion to duty, of moderation in victory and success, and patience under adversity and affliction.

For those who love tropical fruit—and who does not?—the *Two Republics*, a paper published in the City of Mexico, makes a pleasant revelation, which it says, will soon find realization. It says that the south and the west will, within a year, be supplied by Mexico with fruit direct, instead of by way of New York, as now. The pineapple, lemon and banana will be shipped to Galveston, New Orleans and Mobile for distribution. From Galveston to Chicago the distance is one thousand one hundred and fifty miles, or fifty-four hours, while from New Orleans it is but nine hundred and thirty miles, equally that of New York. The principal sources of supply of tropical fruits in Mexico will be the ports of Tampico, Tuxtepec, Vera Cruz, and the isthmus of Tehuantepec. At Vera Cruz the railroad is now completed two hundred and sixty-three miles to the City of Mexico, and from Cordoba, sixty-five miles in the interior, both of which places are famous, and especially the latter, for the excellent and great variety of their tropical fruit. When this is accomplished, and the fruitgrowers of Florida inaugurate the schemes for fruit supply which they contemplate we shall be put within reach of bananas and pineapples a few days old instead of weeks and months, and oranges and lemons will cease to be a luxury to the poor. Speed the day, say we. Let us, by all means, have rapid transit for the fruit grown in Florida, Louisiana and Mexico. Those of California find an excellent and remunerative market in Chicago. What is there to prevent those of the States named finding one equally so in Memphis?

The St. Louis *Times* of Sunday contains the announcement that as a result of long pending negotiations, on and after yesterday (Tuesday), the managerial and editorial control of the *Times* will be transferred to Mr. Silson Hutchins. Various radical changes are contemplated in the management of the paper with a view to the improvement of its different departments, among them reduction in size and change from the present quarto to a folio, forming by a very decided reduction in price, creating its value meanwhile as a complete and comprehensive news journal. The proprietors are assured that as a result of the proposed changes, the *Times* will largely augment its claims to the confidence and support of the Democratic and of the whole State. He is a gentleman of imposing mien, affable manners and first-rate ability, and as speaker of the senate would preside with all the dignity becoming the position.

In regard to the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad General Rogers reports that its present resources are a subsidy from the State of sixteen sections of land to the mile, a city subscription of half a million of bonds, and an individual subscription from citizens of Galveston of two hundred thousand dollars. The general estimate that an additional cash subscription of two hundred thousand dollars is all that is required for an immediate commencement of work. This road will be of incalculable benefit to Northwestern Texas, and it is hoped that the financial resources of a company will soon be in a condition to enable it to commence its construction.

The friends of some of the candidates for the senate are saying they will not support any member of the legislature who does not vote for their favorite. This is wrong. If each man's friends demand of the members that they shall support their man, how can they do it? Johnson, Brown, Bate, Stephens, Quarles and Savage, all have friends in the senate. It is asking too much of the members in each county to vote for all of them. This is a matter which we should be willing to trust to the wisdom and discretion of the members. Threats should not, and we trust will not, deter representatives from a bold discharge of their duty.

Colonel Wm. H. Blizard, senator from the Memphis district, is favorably spoken of for speaker of the senate. He was an original Union man, and remained so during the war. Since the war he has been a sound Conservative Democrat, and was beaten by Thompson for congress in 1872, when the Democratic party was unfortunately split into divisions. He is a man of ability and experience, and if we cannot get a speaker of the senate from that part of the State we would not be grieved at Colonel Blizard's election.

This is important, to creditors at least. To run a debtor on a postscript card has been decided by the supreme court of the State of Ohio as unlawful. The court held that anything so written as to injure the credit or reputation of any one is a crime. The decision was made in the case of a man who charged a debtor for an old account on a postscript card, and in that manner made the matter public and to the detriment of the latter's credit elsewhere.

Next appropriations for the municipal government of New York city for the next fiscal year are reported in round numbers at thirty-four million dollars, which is to be obtained on a tax of three per cent. upon a valuation of more than \$1,000,000,000. In 1874 the rate was two and eight one-hundredths per cent., and in 1875 two and a half per cent.

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